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June 23, 2010

Mr. Walter C. Waidelich Jr. Division Administrator Federal Highway Administration 650 Capitol Mall, Suite 4-100 Sacramento, CA 95814

Attention: Ms. Sue Kiser

Mr. Leslie T. Rogers Regional Administrator Federal Transit Administration 201 Mission Street, Suite 1750 San Francisco, CA 94105

Attention: Mr. Ray Sukys

Dear Ms. Kiser and Mr. Sukys:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) has completed the review of the following amendment to the Merced County Association of Governments' (MCAG) 2008/09 – 2011/12 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP):

No. Description

21 State Element

 This amendment adds two projects and funding in Fiscal Years 2009/10 and 2010/11 to the State Highway Operation and Protection Program Minor Program Grouped Project.

See enclosure.

The MCAG Board Resolution adopting this FTIP amendment certifies that the amendment is financially constrained, does not change air quality conformity, and meets the requirements of public involvement procedures adopted by MCAG.

Pursuant to the authority delegated to me by the Director of Caltrans, I approve MCAG's Amendment Number 21. I also recommend that the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) approve this FTIP amendment for inclusion into California's 2009 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). Approval of this amendment does not constitute an eligibility determination of projects for federal funding.

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Please address any questions on this FSTIP approval request to Lima Huy of my staff, at (916) 651-7411.

Sincerely,

RACHEL FALSETTI

Chief

Division of Transportation Programming

Enclosures

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